

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(IN FORMAT COMPLIANT WITH THE REVISED 37 CFR 1.121)

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a first circuit configured to filter an analog input signal in an analog domain in response to one or more control signals;

5 a second circuit configured to convert said analog input signal to a first digital signal; and

a third circuit configured to generate (i) a second digital signal and (ii) said control signals in response to said first digital signal, wherein said third circuit is configured to
10 ~~control skewing of deliberately skew~~ the analog input signal within the first circuit to control filter tuning to partially compensate for frequency dependent effects associated with a transmission medium.

2. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said third circuit is further configured to calibrate said first circuit.

3. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said third circuit is further configured to provide back-end digital processing control over said first circuit.

4. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said first circuit is further configured to provide partial adaptation of said analog input signal in said analog domain.

5. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first circuit comprises:

a filter configured to tune said analog input signal; and
a processor configured to calibrate said filter.

6. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said third circuit is further configured to offset said filter.

7. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said first circuit comprises a analog tuned filter;

5 said second circuit comprises a analog-to-digital
conversion circuit; and

said third circuit comprises a digital signal processing
device configured to generate said control signals.

8. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first circuit comprises:

a current source;

a digitally switched capacitor array circuit;

5 a rectifier; and

a analog-to-digital converter, wherein said digitally switched capacitor array circuit, said rectifier and said analog-to-digital converter are configured to sweep over code values and determine a center value.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

means for tuning an analog input signal in an analog domain in response to one or more control signals;

5 means for converting said analog input signal to a digital signal; and

means for generating (i) a second digital signal and (ii) said control signals in response to said first digital signal, wherein said ~~third circuit~~ means for generating is configured to ~~control skewing of~~ deliberately skew the analog input signal within
10 the ~~first circuit~~ said means for tuning to partially compensate for frequency dependent effects associated with a transmission medium.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for controlling skewing of an input signal to partially compensate for frequency dependent effects associated with a transmission medium comprising the steps of:

5 (A) tuning said input signal in an analog domain in response to one or more control signals;

(B) converting said input signal to a digital signal;
and

10 (C) generating (i) a second digital signal and (ii) said
control signals in response to said digital signal to deliberately
skew said input signal to control filtering to partially compensate
for frequency dependent effects associated with a transmission
medium.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 10, wherein
step (A) further comprises:

providing partial adaption of said input signal in the
analog domain.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 10, wherein
step (A) further comprises:

filtering said input signal with a filtering device; and
calibrating said filtering device.

13. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 12, wherein
step (A) further comprises:

controlling an offset of said filtering device.

14. (NEW) The method according to claim 10, wherein step
(C) further comprises:

generating said second digital signal with an adaptive
filter-impulse response filter (FIR) equalizer.

15. (NEW) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

generating said control signals with a digital signal processing device.

16. (NEW) The method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of:

adapting a tuning code of said filtering and said FIR equalizer with said digital signal processing device to optimize a
5 channel response.

17. (NEW) The method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of:

partially adapting said tuning code of said filtering device in said analog domain.

18. (NEW) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said third circuit further comprises:

an adaptive filter-impulse response (FIR) equalizer circuit configured to generate said second digital signal in
5 response to said first digital signal and said one or more control signals.

19. (NEW) The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said apparatus is configured to reduce the dynamic range needed in

said analog-to-digital converter circuit by said deliberate skewing of said analog input signal.

20. (NEW) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said deliberate skewing reduces the number of taps needed in said FIR equalizer circuit.